intelligent public of the country is in favour of the uplift of Harijans, will not the Government be pleased to take the risk of an affray to give effect to the resolution of the Council?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Government do not feel that social reform of this nature could be carried on by coercive measures. They also feel that it is not desirable to act in advance of public opinion."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"Are the Government aware that certain hotels do not admit Muhammadans also?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Yes, Sir. Some of the hotels do not admit even caste-Hindus who are Non-Brahmans."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"When Government compelled municipalities to throw open public wells for Harijans why should they not think it fit that the municipalities should compel the hotel-keepers to admit Harijans?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The control over public wells and springs vest in the public bodies and they are maintained at public cost. Hotels are private institutions."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Is there such a community as Harijan community officially recognized?" (Laughter.)

### Medical Administration

*Personnel of the Selection Committee for admission of pupils into the Medical School, Rayapuram.*

* 13 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Medical School at Rayapuram; and

(*b*) what the principle followed is in the selection of members of the Committee?

*A.*—(*a*) *Ex-Officio Member and President.*

(1) The Superintendent of the Royapuram Medical School.

*Members.*

(2) The Superintendent of the Lady Willingdon Medical School for Women, Madras.

(3) The Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General.

(4) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar Avargal, L.M. & S., M.L.C.

(5) Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi, M.B.C.M.

(6) Khan Bahadur Janab Md. Azizulla Sahib Bahadur, B.A., M.B.C.M.

(7) M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib D. V. Narasimhaswami Garu, B.A., B.L., M.L.C.

(*b*) The personnel was chosen to represent the two Government Medical Schools in Madras, the Surgeon-General and non-officials.

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether Government have issued any instructions for the committee to follow?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" As far as I remember, Government have enunciated the principles under which each community and language area should get representation."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister has satisfied himself that the principles laid down in the instructions issued by the Government were followed?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have not got facts and figures."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for facts and figures and satisfy themselves that their instructions have been followed by the committee?"

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Is the Government aware that the Indian Christian community is not represented in this committee?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It is not possible to give representation to each community. I should think since Government have fixed the definite proportion for selection of each community, the interests of all communities have been safeguarded."

Mr. A. T. Pannirselvam:—" Are the Government satisfied that steps have been taken for the purpose of securing adequate representation for the people of all communities?"

* The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. Daniel Thomas:—" May I know Sir, whether by reason of the high qualifications prescribed for admission a large number of Non-Brahmans and Muhammadans are not able to fulfill the requisite conditions?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have no official information."

Mr. Daniel Thomas:—" May I know whether by reason of the fact that sufficient number of candidates of these communities do not get admission, the Government would consider the question of reducing the qualifications prescribed and reduce the rigour of the school-final class?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" In a few cases, Government have given exemption as to age. I shall bear the hon. Member's suggestion in mind, and issue instructions next year."

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Control of Newspapers and Books

*Publication of inflammatory articles against Viswabrahmans by the Editor, 'Abhinava Saraswati,' Guntur district.*

14 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that one Mr. Janapati Pattabirama Sastri of Janapadu village in the Palnad taluk, Guntur district, Editor of the 'Abhinava Saraswati,' a monthly